

## **Christianity and the Cults... How To Make Sense of It All**

### **I. Getting the Gospel Right**

A. The Historical Claims of the Gospel (Jesus of Nazareth)

B. The Theological Claims of the Gospel

C. The Personal Response to the Gospel

D. The Future Hope of the Gospel

### **II. Where the Christian-based Cults Usually Deviate**

A. Modifying the History of the Gospel

B. Modifying the Theology of the Gospel

C. Modifying the Personal Response to the Gospel

D. Modifying the Future Hope of the Gospel

E. All of this is possible b/c of the view that there is new authority beyond the Bible

### **\*\* Definition of Cult for the purpose of this discussion:**

**Cult** – a new religious group that modifies elements of the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ in such a way that the message no longer communicates the truth about how to be made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ.